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AFFECTED ZONE AT WELDED JOINT OF STEEL PLATE

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for a three (3) month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed January 7, 2009 for which a three (3) month response period expiring on April 7, 2009 was set. The extended period expires effectively on July 7, 2009.

Please charge the extension fee of \$ **1,110.00** for a three (3) month extension of time to Deposit Account 11-0600. If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account 11-0600. A copy of this Petition is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

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